

EDITORIALS

Chamber Must be Free

All interests in Torrance should give a nod of approval to President John Ebbinghouse and the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in their policy of insisting on freedom of expression on controversial matters relating to the welfare of this city.

The issue has been raised by Mayor Albert Isen who takes the position that, as long as the Chamber of Commerce receives substantial aid from the City of Torrance, the Chamber should not have an opinion. The Board, on the other hand, holds that any matter relating to the general welfare of the City might be classified as controversial. They further believe that a Chamber of Commerce board without an opinion would be innocuous and completely ineffective.

Some politicians would have the general public believe the Chamber of Commerce represents only a narrow interest, notably industry. At the present time industry has only five representatives on the Board and every section of the city is represented. There have been several instances in the past year when representatives of the city government have come to the Board seeking endorsement on issues considered important to the City of Torrance. Incidentally, the Board endorsed and worked for the approval at the polls of the proposal to effect pay for members of the City Council.

The Torrance Chamber works for all interests in Torrance. It is as much concerned with the welfare of every single home owner as it is for the largest industry. Rightfully, it recognizes the need for expanded industry and commerce but in so doing it is helping to reduce the tax burden to the smallest taxpayer and enhancing the value of his property.

The Board of Directors of the Chamber are right in their preservation of basic privilege to freedom of opinion. When they abuse this privilege public opinion will take its toll and the Board members will either be kicked out by the membership or properly censured. If they accept the bondage sought by politicians they will be ridiculed out of business.

The answer to the whole problem, of course, is for every interest in the community to give more and more support to the Chamber to the end that it will be completely free of domination by any single interest.

The No. 2 Killer

With summer officially here, and thousands of school children released to the joys of vacation, new hazards are added to the list we live with throughout the year. Safety authorities tell us the No. 2 accidental killer is drowning and in this area, particularly, that means the red light for extra precaution.

Swimming pool accidents are on the increase in Southern California and call for alertness on the part of those fortunate enough to be able to enjoy this extra dividend of California living. Any swimming pool is an attractive hazard to a child and the more adventurous will scale walls, ignore social convention or do just about anything to splash in those cooling waters. This implies additional responsibility on the part of pool owners who certainly can't be expected to provide constant supervision for uninvited guests.

Each balmy day brings with it a flood of enthusiasts to the beaches where lifeguard protection is provided at public expense. The most alert guard, however, can't always keep some of the thousands from getting themselves in trouble and surf conditions vary with the tides and winds. Water alone is not the only hazard at the beach. There are those who use it as a playground and are thoughtless of the safety of tiny children. Consequently, hundreds of serious accidents occur that have no association with swimming.

To all the other risks has been added, skin diving. Increasing interest in this rugged sport poses a new threat to human life where participants are not properly trained, adequately equipped or do not observe safety precautions always practiced by the experts.

Those who would enjoy to the utmost one of this area's greatest assets — the beaches and the briny deep — can help avoid needless tragedy by practicing simple rules of safety. Furthermore, the adult can contribute immeasurably to the safety of the little ones by serving as good examples.

Let's make this summer season the safest in history!

INVITATION TO SUICIDE



Waiting Wives At Quitting Time



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I started to go with a woman who had two sons and after a while I fell in love with her and the kids. She took sick and was in poor health for a long time but I stayed by her side. When she got better I heard she was seeing another fellow. She said he was just a friend. Then I caught him in her apartment in the middle of the night. She confessed they were sweethearts but promised to break off with him — which she did.

We made plans to get married even though she was still not very well. Then I discovered she had a man rooming with her and she'd failed to mention it. He and I got to be friends and he confided she was more than just a landlady to him.

I love her, Ann, and want her to be my wife as soon as her health improves. Do you think we could be happy? — A VET.

She's a poor risk. For a woman who is supposed to be in ill health she's pretty busy. What do you think life will be like when she gets her health back? Don't take a chance on marriage with a woman who can't play it straight during courtship... or she may wind up ruining YOUR health.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm 21 and met a man 55 who is single and very intelligent. We became acquainted on the bus and I talk to him every morning and evening. He's particularly interested in art and historical relics and has invited me to accompany him to the Museum and Art Institute some Saturday afternoon. My mother says she doesn't think it would look right for me to go with this older man. I see nothing wrong with it as he's always conducted himself like a perfect gentleman in my presence. Please give your opinion. — D.J.

If this man is 55 and you are 21, he doesn't need to take you to a museum to view historical relics. Just take a good look at him, honey. Your mother is 100 per cent right. Listen to her.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a young man 22 and while I love and respect my parents I simply cannot get it through to them that I want to make my own decisions and lead my own life. I long to use initiative and whatever ability I have to do things in my own way.

Dad is something of a tyrant and mother can't believe her baby is in long trousers. I left home once because of this and now I'm back having the same old struggle. We want to get along together the way a family should, but it's becoming impossible. Please suggest something. — SAM R.

If you're tired of mom and dad paddling your canoe why

not plunge into the icy waters of life and show them you can go it alone? So long as you live under their roof and share the comforts of their home you're obligated to take their advice — and rest assured — you'll get it. It's unfair to expect the rewards that come with being independent if you've done nothing to earn them.

Dear Mrs. Landers: Recently you had something in your column about a man who snored so bad it was ruining his marriage. My husband had the same trouble (rather HE snored and I had the trouble). My grandmother came up with the sure cure. I fastened a bicycle horn to a band and tied it around his head at bedtime. When he

LAW IN ACTION

LAW OF NATIONS You will find strange words in the U. S. Constitution: "Congress has the power to define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations." No man owns the high seas, and no nation rules it. So that when a crime like piracy takes place, the law does not look upon it as against any one nation, but against the law of nations.

For centuries, all maritime nations have had the right under international law to capture on the high seas persons guilty of piratical acts and to punish them.

Piracy is an international crime, but each country punishes it under its own laws. Any nation has the right and duty to police the high seas, and any pirate loses the protection of his own country.

Where did we get the idea that there is a law of nations?

It comes to us through centuries of international trade, commerce, war and treaty making. Chiefly it came down through Roman law, and found expression in the belief that God promulgated a law of nature through man's reason which is binding on men and nations.

Note: California lawyers offer for this column for you to know about our laws.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

No one but the present leadership in Russia knows exactly the reason or reasons for the deflation of Stalin. Like other observers, we have stated some of our reasons as deduced from our experience in and out of Russia for some 25 years. It is possible that none of us has presented the all-important reason for the downgrading of Stalin. But there is one element that we can all be sure about. For Khrushchev to denounce Stalin as ruthlessly as he did there must have been reasons of the greatest magnitude... and not merely a campaign to lull the West to sleep. Russia could have lulled us to sleep with a whole lot less.

Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev is a protégé and a close co-conspirator of Stalin. He, Vishinsky and Malenkov were among the closest intimates. There is no record of incident when any of these ever protested any of Stalin's inhuman acts. There is proof that Khrushchev publicly approved and glorified Stalin from the military purges of 1938 to the expulsion and denunciation of Tito in 1947. Stalin groomed Khrushchev into the inner circles of the party. Khrushchev was entrusted to carry out purges inside the party and personally approved the exile and executions of Stalin's enemies. It is this same Khrushchev who, in addressing the three solid hours the 20th Congress of the Communist Party recently, made the most astonishing disclosures ever against Stalin... and most important, he allowed the release of the text to the Western press.

Here is the former hanger-on of Stalin, speaking on Stalin.

1. Khrushchev went back to Lenin by quoting from Lenin's private papers that he mistrusted Stalin and that he bore watching as a detriment to the party.

2. That Stalin originated the concept of "enemy of the people" to murder those who opposed him without a hearing or trial.

3. That Stalin faked trials on some of his old comrades and personally purged a number of the 139 members of the 1937 Central Committee of the Community party who opposed his policies.

4. That Stalin alone was responsible for the purges within the Russian army in 1938... that he had executed the best senior officers and left Russia without military leadership when Hitler attacked in 1941.

5. That Stalin was violently jealous of Marshal Zhukov and only Zhukov's great popularity with the Russian peoples prevented his execution.

6. That Stalin alone engineered the expulsion of Tito... plotted the execution of the Jewish "doctor-plotter" whom he accused of trying to murder him... that Stalin never visited the front during the struggle with the Nazi invasion.

7. That if Stalin had lived another few months, all the present Soviet members of the Presidium, including Khrushchev, would have been executed.

These are some of the incredible statements Khrushchev made during the Party Congress secret session and released to the world and the Russian people. The report is that Nikita Khrushchev wept and passionately pleaded with the Congress to believe his words, and that Stalin's wave of terror against his own comrades brought Soviet Russia and world communism to the brink of disaster.

That the denunciation of Stalin is genuine is unquestionable. The underlying reason or reasons may not be fully recognized in the United States. To suggest, as some propagandists do, that it is just preposterous to this report is to ignore a real crisis within the Communist party. We believe the Russian army, the Christian people, the farmers, the youth, the non-Rus-

sian population, the anti-Communists are joining forces and have been since the purges of 1937. We also believe that communism inside and outside Russia is losing its drive by the mere fact that more and more people are unwilling to sacrifice their inherent freedom for promises of even materialistic gains.

But in the final analysis it was not Stalinism alone that was evil... but the whole system of communism, its policies, its inhumanity and degradation of God, which was and is evil. The free world cannot be impressed with the deflation of Stalin by those who served him. What will impress the free world is the deflation of communism by those who detest it in Russia.

Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

The Kingfish said it on his CBS radio show: "I found a voice coach by the name of Professor Wolfgang Van Jackson. He's a graduate of the Juillard School of Music, the Paris Conservatory, the London Academy, and for eight years he was the leading tenor at the Berlin State Opera House." "He sounds wonderful," said Andy, "where did you hear about him?" "When I came out of the supermarket this morning," replied the Kingfish, "he'd stuck one of his free blotters on the windshield of my car."

On the Groucho Marx television show, Harry Ruby, the famous songwriter, expounded the advantages of a formula he and his wife have used for many years to insure their domestic happiness. "We eat breakfast back to back," explained Ruby.

A married man is a fellow who never quite admits defeat in the gentle art of fighting with his wife. And no matter how hard he tries, nor how well and convincingly he argues with his wife, he always seems to get outvoted by the overwhelming and decisive score of 1-1.

This is a serious item. We recommend that all parents purchase a Guard-a-Tot, an automobile safety belt designed especially to protect children who ride with their elders. This Guard-a-Tot safety belt allows your child plenty of movement, can be easily installed by you in a few minutes, costs less than \$7.50, and I'm happy to use this item if I know it will save only one lovable youngster's life or keep him out of the hospital.

I met a man recently who has been avoiding work as far back as he cares to forget. "Why run away from work?" I asked him. "Don't you know that hard work has never killed anyone?" He looked at me thoughtfully, and then replied: "Maybe it never did."

kill me, but there have been many times when it scared the very devil out of me."

There's a very good reason why the new sensational Jo Ann Jordan Trio has attained so much night club acclaim with their sophisticated comedy routines and ear-pleasing song harmony. "Life consists of many triumphs and just as many downfalls," says the spokesman for the group, "and for every up there is always a down. We never quit in the face of overwhelming competition. Whenever another singing group steals our thunder, we simply go out and make some more."

Dave Martin, assistant to the advertising director at MGM Studios, has an excellent reason for his 32 years in the movie business and his 11 years at MGM: "I try to make it a point always to say something nice about everybody," remarks Mr. Martin. "When it comes time for finding fault with my friends, I prefer to sit back and let opportunity do all my knocking."

Little kiddies, here is how big business works. It's all very simple, as you will soon observe. A man starts a hardware store. He hires two salesmen at a salary of \$75 per week each. At first, business is good and the hardware store owner makes a profit. But business drops off and soon he is unable to pay his salesmen. Finally, he owes his salesmen so much back pay, he can't possibly remunerate them so he turns ownership of the store over to the pair. The hardware man then goes to work for his former salesmen until he gets the store back.

Walter Mendenhall reports that throat specialists claim smoking makes women's voices harsh. "If you don't believe it," suggests Walter, "try flicking your cigaret ashes on the floor."

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Out of the Past

From the Files of The TORRANCE HERALD

10 Years Ago This Month
June 1946

Don C. Moshob, MD, received permission from the Civil Production Administration to begin construction on a new office and clinic. Cliff Bantel, manager of the B. and G. Air Service, Torrance Community Airport, was slated to perform during the Air Circus and Exposition in July. James D. King was reunited with his Belgian bride, the former Elisabeth Matagne of Liege, after a separation of eight months following his return from overseas duty.

20 Years Ago This Month
June 1926

An 84-page Silver Anniversary Edition of the HERALD was on the stands commemorating the quarter century of progress in Torrance since the establishment of the city by Sydney Jared Torrance in 1912. B. C. Huxton, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was appointed to work with the state in connection with the Federal and

State Social Security Acts. Summer residents included the daughters of the late President Woodrow Wilson, Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. Eleanor Wilson McCadoo. The ladies entertained Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Dall Bottinger, daughter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Torrance Police Dept. moved in to new quarters on Post Ave., adjoining the city hall.

30 Years Ago This Month
June 1896

Members of the federal dry squad made a raid in the 2400 block on Redondo Blvd. and discovered that the owners had been operating a "cutting" and mixing station for several weeks. Officers confiscated 15 or 20 gallons of whisky, bottles, seals, labels, stamps, flavorings, and one automobile. Mayor John Dennis returned from a visit to his former home in Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and daughter spent a weekend at the mountain cabin of the Howard Phillips, San Pedro, in Sierra Madre.